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E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJ: ENERGY: VISIT OF JAPANESE BUSINESS LEADERS

1. DURING MY STAY IN TOKYO, I MET WITH NUMBER OF INFLUENTIAL JAPANESE BUSINESS LEADERS WHO PLANNING VISIT US SHORTLY FOR DISCUSSIONS ON ENERGY. THEY STRESSED TO ME THE INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE THAT NUCLEAR ENERGY WILL HAVE IN REDUCING JAPAN'S RELIANCE ON IMPORTED OIL. AT SAME TIME, HOWEVER, THEY ARE UNSURE OF WHERE THE FOCUS OF US NUCLEAR POLICY IS AT TIME WHEN THEY ARE MOST ANXIOUS TO MOVE AHEAD RAPIDLY WITH NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT IN JAPAN, AND ARE ANXIOUS TO CLARIFY THIS POINT.

2. THREE MEMBERS OF JAPANESE GROUP, SOICHI MATSUNE, HEAD OF ENERGY COMMITTEE OF JAPANESE FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS; SOHEI NAKAYAMA, COUNCILLOR OF INDUSTRIAL BANK OF JAPAN; AND MASAO SAKISAKA, PRESIDENT OF INSTITUTE OF ENERGY ECONOMICS PLAN TO SEEK AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOU ON FEBRUARY 14 OR 15. CHAIRMAN OF FUJI BANK, YOSHIZANE

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IWASA MAY ALSO JOIN ABOVE THREE. (SEE TOKYO 455 FOR

DETAILS). I EXPLAINED TO THEM THAT IT WOULD BE EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT TO MEET WITH YOU AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF THE ENERGY CONFERENCE. UNFORTUNATELY, THEY HAVE NO FLEXIBILITY IN TIMING.

3. THESE THREE TOP LEVEL JAPANESE BUSINESS LEADERS WORK CLOSELY WITH GOJ AND WILL LEAD IN FORMING JAPANESE NUCLEAR ENERGY POLICY IN FUTURE. OBVIOUSLY, COOPERATION WITH JAPAN IN JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES HAS VERY SIGNIFICANT COMMERCIAL AS WELL AS POLITICAL ADVANTAGES FOR US. FOR THIS REASON, I RECOMMEND THAT IF YOU PERSONALLY CANNOT MEET THIS GROUP THAT YOUR SENIOR DEPUTY DEALING WITH NUCLEAR AFFAIRS HAVE FULL DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE WHAT ARRANGEMENTS MIGHT BE MADE FOR THIS GROUP. JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON CAN SUPPLY COMPLETE DETAILS. SPOESMITH

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